Quiz 7-26-16  
Chapter 7 – The Legislature  
  
1. What are the terms for office for members of the legislature?   
a. Texas senators are elected for four-year staggered terms; representatives are elected for two-year terms..   
b. Texas senators are elected for four-year staggered terms, as are representatives.   
c. Texas senators are elected for six-year staggered terms; representatives are elected for two-year terms.   
d. Texas senators are elected for two-year staggered terms; representatives are elected for four-year terms.   
  
2. Which profession is the most frequently represented in the U.S. legislature?   
a. Law   
b. Medical   
c. Teachers   
d. Business   
  
3. Which of the following is not correct about gerrymandering?   
a. Gerrymandering is used to protect a first-time candidate..   
b. Gerrymandering uses a pairing technique that redistricts two or more incumbent legislators’ residences or political bases so that both are in the same district.   
c. Gerrymandering is used to concentrate minorities in one district.   
d. Gerrymandering diffuses a concentrated political or ethnic minority among several districts so that votes in any one district are negligible.   
  
4. Which two individuals are the presiding officers of the state legislature?   
a. The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house .  
b. The speaker of the house and the president pro tempore   
c. The president pro tempore and the governor   
d. The speaker of the house and the secretary of state   
  
5. Which of the following is not a power of the presiding officers of the legislature?   
a. Assigning bills to committees   
b. Recognizing members on the floor   
c. Appointing the chairs and members of the conference committees   
d. Interpreting laws and giving advisory opinions